(b) if so, the actual position thereof; and

(c) by when both these railway over-bridges would be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work of ROB (Road over Bridge) at Chainpal, chainage 490-60 between Budhpark-Talcher on National Highway (NH) 23 (LC No. CT-79) is a sanctioned work of 1999-2000, General Arrangement Drawing for which has been approved and the Estimate for Railway portion of work has been sanctioned, but for approaches portion State Government has not yet finalized the land acquisition issue after which Estimate for approaches shall be finalized by them. It is understood that State Government has submitted the Detailed Estimate for approaches to Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways on 29.12.2007. The work across Railway portion by Railways is held up due to temporary road diversion which is feasible after land acquisition by State Government.

The work of ROB at NH 42 on level crossing at Boeinda station was sanctioned in 1993 as an Accommodation work chargeable to Sambalpur-Talcher new broad gauge line. About 40% work, both abutments have been completed. Delay has been due to problem of land acquisition State Government having fixed very high rate for Government land in comparison to private land. In addition, State Government wanted construction of approach with fly ash which has been now revised with use of good earth. All this has not only taken time to decide but also has resulted in time and cost over-run. The construction work shall get momentum after the Revised Estimate is sanctioned.

(c) Target for completion of these works cannot be fixed at this stage.

Electric train in Assam

1689. SHRI URKHAO GWARA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the time-frame, if any, to start and complete the electrification of railway line and running of electric train in Assam as appeared in some national and State's dailies recently;

(b) the stipulated time, if any, to complete the doubling of railway line from New Bongaigaon to Guwahati and beyond; and

(c) the work progress of Railway line from New Moinaguri to Jogighopa under North Frontier Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Electrification of Barauni-Katihar-Guwahati rail line has been included in Rail Budget 2008-09 at a cost of Rs. 505.68 crore with an outlay of Rs. 25.20 crore for 2008-09. The work is targeted for completion during XI Plan.

(b) Two separate lines exist between New Bongaigaon to Guwahati one *via* Rangiya and other *via* Jogighopa. No separate work of doubling is sanctioned.

(c) In New Maynaguri-Jogighopa new line, land acquisition, earthwork and bridges taken up.